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From the Chief

We have several projects going on, and I thought I would let you know where we stand with some of the bigger projects.

Station 21 HVAC

Responders should be getting back into Station 21 the second week of May with Administration and the Fire Prevention Bureau moving back in late May or early June.

Station 18 Building Envelope

Station 18 is getting some much needed work done on the windows and roof. This project will be going on for 2 to 4 months. Crews will stay in 18 as the work is being completed.

Locution Station Alerting

Station 21 is currently the only station not up and running. We hope to have it completed before crews move back, and the "shakedown" on the system will continue for a couple months.

I want to thank everyone for their flexibility and patience during these projects.

– Chief Leu

UPCOMING DATES

May 2 – Union Meeting 18:00 Pearson Park

May 3 – Association Meeting 19:30

May 6 – Duck Derby

May 14 – Police Week

May 14 – Mother's Day

May 21 – EMS Week

May 29 – Memorial Day



Conference room at Station 21. Yes, that is sky.



INTERNATIONAL
FIREFIGHTERS' DAY
May 4th

April Incidents

Rescue and EMS – 127 (up 37)

False Alarms – 66 (up 14)

Good Intents – 33 (down 2)

Fire – 5 (down 11)

Hazardous Condition (no fire) – 17 (down 3)

Service – 12 (up 2)

Special Incident Type – 0 (same)

Overpressure, Explosion, Etc. (no fire) – 1
(down 1)

Severe Weather & Natural Disaster – 0
(same)

Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations to Eric Brenneman, Jordan Dinkla, Richard Ray and BJ Schumacher for 10 years with the West Des Moines Fire Department. Thank you for your service and dedication to the City of West Des Moines!



Training



E180 drafting at Blue Heron Lake





FF Schumacher rappels the training tower for rope rescue training.

Educational Achievements

Fireworks Shooter Training

Jack Benge, Jim Gathercole, Rodney Benson, Nick Evans, Devon Killam, Scott Smith, Grant Ogle, Mitchell Jones, Matt Sandel

Crisis Intervention Training

Doug Rex

Fire Investigation Training

Paul O'Connell

Yoga for First Responders



Yoga for First Responders promotes optimal functioning of one's entire system: increasing mental toughness, enhanced focus, injury prevention, physical strengthening and more. Details coming in the next few weeks... get ready!

Community Message

March 20, 2017 *"My son has been learning about his community and as a result is now VERY articulate about wanting to "be a fireman when he grows up." So, we baked the West Des Moines Fire Dept. some red, white, and blue cookies last night (to match the sirens) and took them this morning to say thank you for keeping us safe. He was MESMERIZED as they invited us in and showed Key their trucks.*

❤️💙 Thank you soooooo much for embracing his dream to be just like you!!!

